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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**  
**FACT SHEET**

**PILOT PROGRAM FOR RECYCLING HAZARDOUS  
HOUSEHOLD WASTE A SUCCESS**

The City of San Diego's Household Hazardous Waste team announced that a pilot program designed to help residents more easily recycle hazardous materials has been a success, increasing collection of batteries and fluorescent light bulbs by almost 10 tons.

In the past fiscal year, as part of their regular duties, the City's Household Hazardous Waste Team made sure thousands of gallons of waste oil and antifreeze -- and tons of hazardous waste materials -- did not end up in waterways. The HazMat team took in 5,730 gallons of used motor oil in fiscal year 2012, compared to 3,950 gallons in fiscal year 2011.

Recently, however, the city decided to do even more. Residents expressed concerns about the inconvenience of properly disposing of household batteries and fluorescent bulbs. To do so, they had to drive to our household hazardous waste facility at the Miramar Landfill.

The HazMat Team decided to conduct a pilot project where residents could take these added materials to the used oil recycling events. The program resulted in substantially increased collection of batteries and fluorescent light bulbs, meaning those materials will be disposed of and recycled correctly.

"Residents had a need for a service, the city provided it, and the residents took advantage of it," Mayor Jerry Sanders said. "This is exactly how the process should work. I not only commend staff for their work, but thank the residents for participating in this worthwhile and highly successful program -- a program, by the way, that we intend to continue."

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